

Yorkshire Classic MCC
Rd.11 Championship Trial
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The venue was Roggerham Gate near Colne for the sixty riders who took part in this Yorkshire Classic Championship Trial. A moorland circuit where everybody hopes for good weather as it can be bleak for Observers and riders. The course was laid out by Tiger Payne and Gary Mitchell in near perfect conditions and a number of new sections were introduced.

Section two was the first real mark taker with few able to consistently master this muddy gully. On lap one most got through easily but thereafter two deep ruts appeared which stopped riders getting onto the banking for an easier ride. With both routes more or less the same only three cleans were recorded all day. Chris Gascoigne on the Ariel was one of them with four well controlled rides the other two being trial winner Tony Calvert and runner up John Maxfield both Cub mounted. Sections four and five were both rocky, the first on the camber saw many riders sliding on the angled rock slabs while the second was flat but had a real challenging exit over different sized slippery rocks to the cards. Only ten cleans were achieved which gives some idea how tricky this section was to get right. John and Pete McCanna both did it along with Derek Brooks while only Mick Dickinson and Neil Anderton cleaned it on a similar Clubman route.

Section six an old favorite at this venue was laid out amongst the ruins of an old house with lots of flat stones and awkward rocks to negotiate on the twists and turns to the exit. Gascoigne lost eight of his fourteen marks here leaving Dave Emmott as the only Pre Unit bike to clean it. Joel Brayford was the only two stroke to go clean leaving Calvert, Maxfield and Carl Winstanley as the only other riders not adding to their score.

Section seven was a hill climb with an extremely steep descent with a fortunate run out after the cards for those who lost control. The hill climb on section eight was straight over loose stones which enabled most to tackle it in second gear and go clean. The final two sections on open moorland didn't cause too many problems this time but would have done in more traditional Roggerham Gate weather. Thanks once again to our loyal band of Observers and to the clerks of course for an excellent trial.

RESULTS

Class A Pre Unit: Dave Emmott (Triumph) 6 marks lost, Chris Gascoigne (Ariel) 14, Mick Clarke (Ariel) 14.

Class B Tele Fork Rigid: Chris Nutter (Ariel) 43, Tim Pawson (Ariel) 56.

Class D Unit Machines under 250cc: Tony Calvert (Cub) 0, John Maxfield (Cub) 1, Tony Dillon (Cub) 7.

Class E Unit Machines over 250cc: John McCanna (B40) 20, Bob Baker (B40) 25, Mick Culf (B40) 74.

Class F Two Strokes: Pete McCanna (Greeves) 3, Steve Thomas (Bantam) 4, Mick Driffield (James) 15.

Class G Twin Cylinder: Mal Cocking (Triumph) 13, John Patefield (Triumph) 40.

Class H Vintage Two Stroke: Eric Atkinson (James) 26, Bill Hill (James) 64, Barry Doran (James) 81.

Class K Clubman: Mick Dickinson (Bantam) 12, Frank McMullen (Cotton) 23, Colin Pawson (B40) 23.

Specials: Phil Clarkson (McD Cub) 11, Malcolm Ellis (VE Cub) 17, Ian Wilson (VE Cub) 23.